

IN THE CLAIMS:**Listing of Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A hanger for an object adapted to be hung on a wall comprising
a base to be fixedly attached to the wall,
a tongue extending from the base, the tongue being constructed so that when the base is attached to the wall, a substantial portion of the tongue extends in a generally upward direction from a region of the base where an end of the tongue intersects the base to form an intersection,
a segment of the tongue in close proximity to the intersection being arranged to receive and hold a thin elongated support structure attached to the object when the base is attached to the wall,
the tongue portion extending in a generally upward direction including a central region and edges, the edges of the tongue portion being farther from a plane defining a back face of the base than the central region, the tongue segment in close proximity to the intersection including an arcuate surface for supporting the thin elongated support structure when the base is attached to the wall, the arcuate surface extending horizontally when the base is mounted on the wall.
2. (original) The hanger of claim 1 wherein the substantial portion of the tongue has a length more than 50 percent the length of the tongue.
3. (cancelled)
4. (currently amended) The hanger of claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1 wherein the arcuate support surface is a sector of a circle in cross sections of the tongue in planes parallel to the base.
5. (original) The hanger of claim 4 wherein vertical cross sections of the tongue segment including the support surface have an exterior lower surface opposite to the support surface when the base is attached to the wall, the cross sections of the tongue having the support and

exterior lower surfaces being sectors of coaxial circles having different radii, the support surface radius being greater than the exterior lower surface radius.

6. (original) The hanger of claim 5 wherein each of the support and exterior lower surfaces has an arcuate extent of approximately 90 degrees.

7. (original) The hanger of claim 4 wherein the support surface has an arcuate extent of approximately 90 degrees.

8. (currently amended) ~~The hanger of claim 1 wherein~~ A hanger for an object adapted to be hung on a wall comprising

a base to be fixedly attached to the wall,

a tongue extending from the base, the tongue being constructed so that when the base is attached to the wall, a substantial portion of the tongue extends in a generally upward direction from a region of the base where an end of the tongue intersects the base to form an intersection,

a segment of the tongue in close proximity to the intersection being arranged to receive and hold a thin elongated support structure attached to the object when the base is attached to the wall,

the tongue portion extending in a generally upward direction including a central region and edges, the edges of the tongue portion being farther from a plane defining a back face of the base than the central region, the tongue segment [[has]] having a surface for receiving the thin elongated support structure, said surface for receiving extending substantially horizontally when the base is attached to the wall, the horizontal extent of the receiving surface between a planar front face of the base and a vertically extending surface of the tongue facing the base being sufficient to form a ledge for receiving the thin elongated support structure.

9. (original) The hanger of claim 8 wherein the ledge has an arcuate shape such that a center portion of the ledge is higher than the edges of the ledge when the base is attached to the wall.

10. (original) The hanger of claim 9 wherein the base, ledge and tongue are arranged such that all bends in the ledge and tongue in all vertical cross sections, when the base is attached to the wall, are directed away from the front face of the base and are less than 90 degrees.

11. (cancelled)

12. (original) The hanger of claim 1 wherein the tongue has an end portion, including a free end, remote from its end intersecting the base, the tongue end portion including the free end extending away from the base at a greater angle than the portion of the tongue to which it is connected.

13. (original) The hanger of claim 12 wherein the portion of the tongue extending away from the base in a generally upward direction including the edges and the central region slants away from a plane including a front face of the base at a substantially constant angle.

14 – 38 (cancelled)

39. (new) The hanger of claim 1 wherein the arcuate surface and the end of the tongue at the intersection have the same length at the intersection in the horizontal direction when the hanger is mounted on the wall.

40. (new) The hanger of claim 39 wherein the base and tongue are formed as one piece from stamped sheet metal.

41. (new) The hanger of claim 8 wherein the arcuate surface and the end of the tongue at the intersection have the same length at the intersection in the horizontal direction when the hanger is mounted on the wall.

42. (new) The hanger of claim 41 wherein the base and tongue are formed as one piece from stamped sheet metal.

43. (new) A hanger for an object adapted to be hung on a wall comprising
a base to be fixedly attached to the wall,
a tongue extending from the base, the tongue being constructed so that when the base is attached to the wall, a substantial portion of the tongue extends in a generally upward direction from a region of the base where an end of the tongue intersects the base to form an intersection,
a segment of the tongue in close proximity to the intersection being arranged to receive and hold a thin elongated support structure attached to the object when the base is attached to the wall,
the tongue segment in close proximity to the intersection including an arcuate surface that extends away from the base for supporting the thin elongated support structure when the base is mounted on the wall, the arcuate surface and the end of the tongue at the intersection having the same length at the intersection in the horizontal direction when the hanger is mounted on the wall, the base extending substantially beyond the tongue in the horizontal direction when the base is mounted on the wall.

44. (new) The hanger of claim 43 wherein the base and tongue are formed as one piece from stamped sheet metal.